

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract.

Systems and methodologies associated with a monitor stand that accommodates monitors with various weights and that facilitates adjusting the height of a monitor without locking the monitor in position are described. One example ~~exemplary system embodiment~~ includes a base, ~~means~~ an apparatus for providing a fixed lifting force ~~for holding the monitor in the user-selected vertical position~~, a guide supported by the base, ~~and an attachment assembly that moves vertically within the guide and that supports the monitor, and a friction assembly operably connected to the guide and/or the attachment assembly.~~ The attachment assembly can be configured to receive the lifting force. ~~The monitor stand can also include a friction assembly operably connected to the guide and/or the attachment assembly. The friction assembly can be configured to produce a user selected frictional force between the guide and the attachment assembly that helps hold the monitor in the user-selected vertical position without locking the monitor in place.~~

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following replacement paragraph.

**Figure 4** illustrates a component view of monitor stand configured with a height adjustment mechanism that facilitates positioning a monitor in a user-selected stationary vertical position without locking the monitor in place. The monitor stand includes a base (e.g., base stand **440**, base plate **442**, locking screw **444**) that facilitates placing the monitor stand on a horizontal surface. In another example, the base could be configured to facilitate attaching the monitor stand to a vertical surface (e.g., a wall). The monitor stand may also include a first handle portion **450**, a second handle portion **452**, and a tray **460**.

Please replace drawing sheets 1-7 with new sheets 1-9.